

Remarks


Claims 2 - 7 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 - 10, drawn to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 4 - 6 have been objected to but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 4, upon which claims 5 and 6 are dependent, has been written in independent form by incorporating claim 1 in its entirety. Claims 4 - 6 should thus be allowable. Claims 2, 3, and 7, which were previously dependent upon claim 1, are now dependent upon claim 4, and should be allowable as well.

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for Allowance, and respectfully request a Notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes that further discussion will advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is highly encouraged to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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